



TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 4, 1903.

A DISTURBING report comes from the West to the effect that the price of meat is again to be raised. Dispatches from Omaha and Kansas City say that the packers there have already tacked two and half cents a pound on the price of beef delivered to the retailers, and that the latter are complaining because they can find no reasonable excuse to offer their customers—the consumers—for the increase. Prices of live stock have not increased, and there is a strong suspicion that a beef trust has been formed, even if the old one was broken up by the courts. Despite demands of a combine and assurances given by the western packers that the advance of one cent in the price of beef last week was due to natural causes, and that it does not presage further manipulation of the market, consumers are disposed to look upon it as the beginning of operations that last year put the price of meat up to an unprecedented figure and accordingly there is a good deal of anxiety. If the price of live cattle has not advanced, and this is admitted, why prices of meats should be put up cannot be explained, except that the packers control the market and can fix prices to suit themselves, which they do at their own sweet will—and the consumer pays.

THE PAPAL conclave in Rome today elected Cardinal Joseph Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, Bishop of Rome and successor to Leo XIII. He will be known as Pius X. There were comparatively few ballots. It was thought in most sections of the world that the time had come when a Pope should have been elected from some other clime save the land of the Caesars, and that had such a course been pursued the propaganda would have been accelerated in its work of proselytism in many places on the globe. The college of cardinals, however, for reasons best known to themselves, preferred to continue, for the present, the line of successors to St. Peter in Italy. The new Pope is a man of ability, scholarship and piety, and possesses every other credential for the high position to which he has been called; otherwise the conclave would not have selected him. All hope he will manifest the spirit of conservatism and good will toward all that was shown by Leo XIII., who has finished his course and whose mantle now rests upon Pius X.

ON THE recommendation of Brigadier General Davis, Judge Advocate General of the army, Secretary Root announced yesterday that he had decided to make a demand on the firm of Littauer Bros. for money paid by Edmund R. Lyon under his glove contract with the army, dated December 7, 1898. This action will be taken under section 3739 of the revised statutes, which provides that no member of or delegate to Congress shall directly or indirectly undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, any contract or agreement made by any person authorized to make contracts on behalf of the United States. Congressman Littauer is a member of the firm which contracted to furnish army gloves, and admits that there had been a division of the profits in the contract in question. It is on this that the demand for repayment is to be made. Whether Littauer will be prosecuted under the section imposing a fine of \$3,000 for participation by a member of Congress in any government contract may depend on the result of the civil suit.

DURING the past few years Alexandria has constructed improvements in the way of vitrified brick roadways, granolithic pavements and sewers which will be monuments to the enterprise of the present generation and evidences of the fact that they have not left the city as they received it from their predecessors. While all this, however, is going on the authorities should not ignore the fact that there is much in a sanitary point of view that should attract attention. There are dump piles in the city limits which should be cleaned out or burned out, and the unsightly weeds and briars cut down. These piles of refuse often contain dead animals and fowls, while the weeds are filling the air with the germs of disease. There are several places in the city where these conditions abound.

GENERAL MAXIMO GOMEZ, as chairman of a committee appointed for the purpose, has completed a tabulation of the surviving and pensionable soldiers of the Cuban insurgent army. The list contains 50,000 names. These Cuban patriots are proportionately as numerous now as the civil war pensioners in the United States, but when Gomez was in the field and making war with Spain he would have been bothered to find one soldier for every ten who now stand up to be counted. Truly, says the Philadelphia Record, patriotism is never so rampant in any country while the war lasts as when the war is ended.

LAWRENCE MURPHY, a walking delegate now in jail for embezzlement, is eager to tell to District Attorney Jerome the whole story of the walking delegates' graft, and he asserts that during the past eight years the blackmailers have collected not less than a million from the strike-harried employers of New York and Brooklyn. In commenting upon this the Philadelphia North American says: "If Murphy does not exaggerate, the unions must be about as rotten as some divisions of the Postoffice Department."

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., August 4.

The case of L. N. Littauer, member of Congress, whose interest in the glove contracts with the government caused Secretary of War Root to hold, officially, that a prima facie case of violation of law has been established, is now in the hands of Attorney General Knox. It is he who will have to determine what policy the government will pursue. The fact that Congressman Littauer, of New York has been for many years a close personal friend of President Roosevelt, will, it is said, have no weight.

The first news of the election of Cardinal Sarto to the pontificate was conveyed to the Papal Legation here by the Publishers' Press. Mr. Falconi, at once began the preparation of a circular letter to the prelates in the United States informing them of the election and commanding loyalty to the new Pope. This will be sent out as soon as the papal delegates receive official notification of the election from Rome.

The State Department has announced the appointment of Clair A. Orr, of Illinois, to be consul at Carthage, Colombia.

Worried by financial losses, presumably the result of speculation, H. H. Jacobs, a jeweler in this city, shot himself in the head this morning in a store room which he had been fitting up on F street. He died on the way to the Emergency Hospital. Jacobs had been connected with a jewelry firm in New York, had been buying stock there for the new store during the past few days. The family was at one time one of the wealthiest in Washington.

YOUNG MODEL RATHER THAN OLD WIFE.

Alois G. Buysens, a sculptor, has closed his studio on Fifth avenue, New York, and left his wife and children. In a letter he addressed to his wife he announces that he has deserted her and has gone away with Marie Pract, less than half his age, formerly a companion for his wife. He wrote that they were going to St. Louis to make their home there; that the younger woman was in sympathy with his work, knew him better, and that he liked her more. Never would he leave her, he wrote. Buysens, who is 58 years old, came to this country 10 years ago to exhibit his work at the Chicago World's Fair. The Tiffany Company engaged him as a sculptor in marble. His reputation in Belgium was established by his figure "Mirth and Music," ordered by King Leopold for the National Theater. The girl came to this country from Belgium three years ago and became a companion and servant in the household. Several times she left her place, but was always taken back by the wife of the artist because the wife spoke no English and liked to have the girl talk about her native land.

Six months ago she left, going as companion to a woman at Santa Beach. Three weeks ago Buysens, who was almost open in his admiration of the girl, not because she had talent, but because she possessed the requisites of a model, followed her and induced her to elope with him. From Tiffany's and others for whom he worked the family learned he was in St. Louis. He was written and replied that he would never come back, that he had found his affinity and would live and die with her. The couple now are in St. Louis, and the artist has opened a studio there.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, has announced his acceptance of the British government's invitation to extend his term of office.

The agreement entered into between the Cunard steamship line and the British government, which was ratified a few days ago by Parliament, stipulates that the freight charges are not to be unduly raised. The government lends the company 2,000,000 pounds which will be repayable in twenty years.

The regatta under the auspices of the Royal Yacht Club, which began yesterday, off Cowes, Isle of Wight, was continued today. The weather is clear and there is a strong wind. In the contest for the King's cup there were six starters including Emperor William's Meteor and Sir Jax. Pender's Brynhilde. Soon after the start the Meteor and the Brynhilde drew away from the yachts. The Meteor won the race for the King's cup.

A dispatch from Ekaterinodar, Asiatic Russia, states that Rich Naphtha wells, extending a distance of 130 miles between the Kuban river in the Kuban territory in Ciscaucasia.

BULL KILLED SNAKE.—A fight to the death between a Barnum bull and an eighteen-foot python took place at Far Rockaway Thursday afternoon. Not until the lower part of the serpent's body was torn terribly did it remove its fangs and release the bull from its coils. In the combat, Mlle. Van, a snake charmer, had her arm severed by the serpent's fangs. The fight occurred in a side-show of Welsh Brothers' circus. Both bull and snake are natives of East India. When the charmer raised the snake from its coil, it coiled the bull and wriggled from her hands. Children screamed and women fainted when the snake struck the ground. It sprang for the bull and partly coiled around its neck below his hump. As it experienced in fighting reptiles, the bull lay on his side and ripped his horns under the snake's body. Mlle. Van tried to remove the snake, but it stuck its fangs in her left arm. She dropped covered and fainted. She was rescued by Dr. Parker. The bull sank his horns into the reptile, brought his head forward and tore the snake's body for a foot. The serpent gradually released its hold. Ten minutes afterward it was dead.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Colonel Hedges, of Boston, has received definite information that Lord Roberts will not accompany the London Anecdotes to America on their trip this fall.

J. La Rix, a chemist of Merino, Ore., claims to have made silver from gold, and to have developed a new metal from slate from which he expects to produce gold.

It is stated in Pittsburgh, Pa., that the democratic national leaders have selected Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, to be the national standard bearer next year.

A conflagration has devastated the town of Armenak, in the Vilayet of Adana, Asia Minor. The Mosque, the other public buildings, 400 shops and 69 houses were destroyed.

According to figures furnished by Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, there is a steady growth in the membership of the church.

Water boy won the Saratoga Handicap at Saratoga yesterday evening. The time, 2:05 3-5, was 2 1-5 seconds slower than his world's record made at Brighton Beach this summer. It was a remarkable race for a \$10,000 prize.

It is said that Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, will sever his official connection with that concern today his resignation as president now being in the hands of the executive committee.

The Citizens' Alliance of Denver, Col., has issued a call for a mass meeting at Denver Chamber of Commerce with the implied understanding that action will be taken to run out of town certain agitators who have been conspicuous in the recent labor trouble in Denver.

At an early hour yesterday morning thieves broke into the Executive Mansion, at Atlanta, Ga., and secured a good haul, including among other things a \$50 Panama hat, which had been Governor Terrell's prize, several boxes of Havana cigars and the Governor's trousers, which contained a good round sum, as he had just cashed his monthly pay voucher.

Secretary of War Root made public yesterday all the papers relating to the investigation into the Government contract for gloves with E. R. Lyon. The contractor secured the gloves from Littauer Bros., the senior member of the firm, being a member of Congress. Accompanying his letter to the Attorney General is a report by Judge Advocate General Davis, of the army, in which he suggests that action should be brought against Littauer for the amount of money paid by the government upon the contract.

STRIKE MOVEMENTS.—Walking Delegates

Sam Parks threw down the gauntlet to the Building Trades Employers' Association in New York yesterday when he called out the ironworkers engaged on several buildings in which J. M. Cornell, president of the Iron League and a power in the Employers' Association, had in hand. This move was accepted as a direct blow at the Employers' Association, coming, as it did, with the declaration made by Sam Parks yesterday that the Housewives and Bridgemen's Union would never sign the arbitration agreement prepared by the Employers' Association. The Employers' Association had given the members of the union until yesterday to sign this agreement, with the alternative of a general lockout. But Delegate Parks unequivocally stated yesterday that neither threat nor inducement could prevail upon the union to sign.

As a result of the Builders' League lockout 18,000 men were out of employment at noon yesterday in Pittsburgh, Pa. The only men not affected by the lockout are the painters, paperhangers and decorators. Work has been stopped on all the buildings in course of erection in the city, with the exception of the contracts of the George A. Fuller Company and a few other outside contractors who are not members of the Builders' League. The officials of the Building Trades Council say they are unable at this time to give the number of men who are thrown idle by the action of the Builders' League. Trouble is anticipated if the contractors bring in non-union men, and Police Superintendent McGloughlin is preparing to meet it.

THREATENED STRIKE IN SPAIN.—

The threatened general strike commenced yesterday in several centers, including Barcelona, Murcia, Cadix, Ronda and Alcoy, Spain. The general unrest is largely attributed to bad harvests, but the immediate motive for the strike is to reinforce the demand for the release of numerous workmen who have been thrown into prison for offences in connection with recent strikes. The leaders of the movement are exhorting the members of the trades unions not to return to work until all the imprisoned men have been released. The government has taken stringent measures to cope with disturbances. The military forces and the civil guards have been reinforced wherever necessary and the troops have been confined to barracks. The instigators of the strike are threatened with severe penalties. The residence of the Mayor and a number of private houses at Alcala, Province of Cadix, have been attacked by strikers, who exchanged shots with the gendarmes. The strike has already collapsed at Barcelona, where the majority of the workmen have resumed work. The masons and the composers on some newspapers still remain out. The gendarmes are patrolling the streets. The strike leaders attribute the failure to the stringent measures taken by the government. A man was arrested at Barcelona yesterday for carrying dynamite cartridges, which he confessed, he intended to throw in a crowded part of the city.

KILLED BY HIS WIFE.—Mrs. William Adair on Sunday night shot and instantly killed her husband, on Pigeon Creek, in Mingo county, six miles from Logan, W. Va. Adair had previously emptied his revolver at his wife in a fit of jealousy, but none of his bullets took effect. A few minutes later Mrs. Adair had procured a revolver from a neighbors home and going into her husband's room, shot him dead. Adair had been away from home for a couple of weeks disposing of some timber in Cincinnati, and when he returned he found his wife away from home. He accused her of being unfaithful, and in his madness emptied his revolver at her. Adair was wealthy, and his wife was one of the leading families on Tur river. Mrs. Adair surrendered to the authorities immediately after the shooting and is now in jail, but relatives are endeavoring to have her released, claiming that she shot in self-defense.

The Market.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

W. R. Boaz of Albemarle may become a candidate for Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.

Mr. Philip B. Jones, of Rapidan, who was paralyzed a few days ago, died yesterday. He was about sixty-five years old.

Conductor C. W. Cosby, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, while between Richmond and Williamsburg last night fell under his train and will lose both legs and probably his life also.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Woodin has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Hampton Baptist Church, with which he has been associated for 20 years. It is understood that he is considering calls to Petersburg and Blackstone.

In Spotsylvania County Court yesterday Judge Waller appointed a committee to investigate the affairs of the clerk's office of Spotsylvania county. The Judge also appointed Arthur H. Crismond, the present deputy clerk, as Clerk of Court temporarily, pending the investigation.

W. H. Mullen, a labor leader and editor of the Opinion, was charged in the Police Court in Richmond yesterday with carrying concealed weapons and threatening to shoot G. L. Loving. Only two witnesses appeared, and these failed to sustain either charge. Mr. Mullen was discharged.

The State Board of Fisheries has made application to the governor for another rapid fire gun for the use of the oyster harvesters. The gun is to increase the armament of the oyster steamer James River, engaged in patrolling the oyster lands of the State. These guns are procured from the United States government.

Within the early future and as a result of developments now working themselves out in Richmond, the T. C. Williams Tobacco Company, at one time the largest independent concern in the United States, but more recently under the control of the trust, will be dismembered and practically wiped from the list of firm names.

Rev. A. N. Somers, a well known minister, was the victim Saturday of what may prove a serious casualty of the street railway strike at Richmond. He was struck in the eye with a green apple thrown by Albert Raabe just after boarding the car at Seven Pines, and suffered an injury that may cost him the sight of his eye.

The plant in Manchester used by the James River Furniture and Mattress Company as a storehouse burned Saturday night, and the firemen were at work until daylight protecting the numerous tenements nearby. The building was owned by Mrs. Arrington, of Petersburg, and will be rebuilt. The loss was about \$1,000, with \$700 insurance.

Lee A. Sherwood, a well known society man of Portsmouth, was yesterday fined \$100 and placed under a bond of \$1,000 for a year on the charge of enticing Clyde Jennings, a fifteen-year-old girl, into an improper resort. Jennie Williams, into whose house Sherwood, it is alleged, took the girl, was also fined \$100 and placed under a heavy bond, which she could not furnish. Both Sherwood and the woman noted appeals to the Corporation Court.

THE RICHMOND STRIKE.

There is little in Richmond now to indicate that there is or has been a street car strike. Cars are being run about as usual and the travel is little, if any, below normal. Slight disorders and rock throwing continue at night, but there has been no serious trouble for some days. There were less than 100 strikers at the daily meeting in Sanger Hall yesterday morning, and these seemed rather dispirited. Twelve of the old employees made application to the company yesterday for reinstatement. Six were given places and action on the other six deferred.

The strike benefits received by the men have been very small and not sufficient to maintain the families of the married men. It is noticeable now that a large number of union men are riding on the cars, and so far as is known, none of the unions has imposed fines. It is thought the union will soon rescind its resolution imposing the fines. Organizer Orr has gone to Knoxville for a few days, but is expected back soon. Many persons are disposed to blame him for the strike.

LED TRIPLE LIFE FOR YEARS.—

Three wives and 13 children are accredited to Baldwin F. Strauss, a well-known lawyer and politician of Brooklyn, who disappeared several months ago after complaints had been made against him by several of his clients, according to documents just filed in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Marguerite M. Strauss, claims the distinction of being No. 3 on the list of wives. She seeks absolute divorce on the ground of her husband's relations with Ida M. Perkins, who claims to be Mrs. Strauss No. 1 by virtue of a common law marriage entered into in the latter seventies or early eighties. Baldwin F. Strauss was at one time an active candidate for a nomination as Justice of the Supreme Court. He had an income of \$40,000 a year. Since Mr. Strauss's disappearance from home on April 26 last his wife has been unable to learn anything of him. "I knew of the existence of the Mrs. Strauss No. 3 today," when I married Mr. Strauss, and was aware of the fact that she had obtained a decree of divorce from him, but it was by accident that I learned of the existence of Ida M. Perkins. After Mr. Strauss was born to them, three children were born to them, of whom Baldwin F. Strauss, Jr., is the eldest and is now married. A year or so later Strauss met and wooed Estelle L. Alsworth and married her. Three children were born to them. This Mrs. Strauss heard that in her absence in Europe her husband was living with Ida M. Perkins at Mount Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Alsworth immediately returned to this country, brought an action against her husband for an absolute divorce. She obtained a decree and the custody of her three children. Mrs. Strauss, the third, set forth in June 5, 1891, at Orillia, Province of Ontario, Canada. They have had six children.

FATAL FALL FROM WINDOW.—Mr. Mack Fletcher, aged about fifty years, living about two miles from Round Hill, Loudoun county, with O. A. Eubank, fell from the second story window of the latter's home on Sunday morning, and received internal injuries, from which he died in a short time. He was found about 5 o'clock Sunday morning by members of Mr. Eubank's family. The cause of his fall is unknown. He is survived by two brothers, Messrs. William and John Fletcher, of that neighborhood.

ELECTION OF A POPE.

Cardinal Joseph Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, Selected to Succeed Leo XIII.

Rome, Aug. 4.—Cardinal Joseph Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, is the successor of Pope Leo XIII. He was chosen to the papal throne on the seventh ballot, which was taken this morning. The new Pope announced that he would assume the title of Pius X. Pope Pius X is 68 years of age. He was born at Riese on June 2, 1835, and was created a Cardinal in 1893. He is one of the most learned of the Cardinals and is noted for his liberal views. It is more than probable that the new Pope will devote himself to the religious affairs of the church and will pay small attention to politics except to urge conciliatory measures among opposing influences wherever possible.

It is learned that Cardinals Herrera, Cretoni, Langenieux, Couille, Mocenni and Svampa were too ill to go to the voting chamber. The crowd that gathered in St. Peter's square this morning was the largest that had assembled since the conclave began last Saturday. Fully 15,000 people were there by ten o'clock and the throng was constantly being augmented. At 11:20 a light smoke was discerned issuing from the steeple over the Sistine chapel. Twenty minutes later Cardinal Macchi, the secretary of the Apostolic Briefs, appeared on the inside balcony of St. Peter's at 11:40 o'clock and made the announcement. Later he gave it to the crowd outside. The immense crowd within the church murmured their approbation at the news while the throng outside shouted the name. Following the announcement the throng rapidly increased, the people jamming through the doorways to await the Pope's blessing. Five minutes after the announcement the new Pontiff appeared on the inside balcony of the Vatican and blessed the people. The usual ceremonies were observed following the election. When the count showed that the necessary two-thirds of the total number of votes cast had been obtained the doors of the Sistine chapel were opened by the Secretary of the conclave, and the masters of ceremonies were admitted from the Doyden Colleges. The secretary then asked Cardinal Sarto: "Do you accept the election?" He received a reply in the affirmative. All the throne canopies were then lowered, with the exception of that of Sarto. The Masters of Ceremonies next conducted the new Pope to the robing cloth where he laid aside the robes of Cardinal and donned white stocking, red slippers, the long white tunic, white girdle, white cap and the red cape of the papal office. He returned to the Chapel and was seated on a chair placed on the highest step of the altar where the Cardinals approached one by one, kissed the foot and then the hand of the new prelate and then received the benediction of the Pope. Pope Pius X. was then given the fisherman's ring, but he immediately returned it for the purpose of having his name engraved on it. Sarto said to be the man whom Pope Leo hoped would succeed him. Sarto brings to his high office the character of most attractive modesty, unusual energy and fine qualities as an administrative officer and organizer.

The announcement scene was wonderfully impressive. First the ceremonies appeared on the middle outside window balcony in front of St. Peter's and hung out a long tapestry which was emblazoned with the papal arms. The crowd in St. Peter's square which at this time numbered 20,000 people, pressed forward. They saw a cross bearer appear, followed by four figures in full purple robes of the conclave. Three were bareheaded. The other one, wearing a red berater, was recognized as Sarto. The cardinal at his right hand was Macchi, who read the proclamation. When the populace got the word a tremendous shout arose. A ceremonist then beckoned the other to enter the church to receive the papal blessing. One of the Sarto's first acts today was to visit Cardinal Herrera, who is slightly better. He gave him the papal benediction.

Rome, Aug. 4.—Some of the details of the election of Pius X. leaked out this evening. Sarto, it is learned, had 35 votes last night so his election this morning was generally expected by the Sacred College. Even though he knew this Sarto showed emotion as the ballots were tallied. As his name was read again and again he turned quite pale. The Cardinals sitting on his right and on his left murmured congratulations when the result was apparent. While the ballot was being verified Sarto left his throne and knelt at the altar in prayer. He was in that position when Cardinal Gregalia asked "Do you accept the election?" For a moment thereafter Sarto's face remained buried in his hands. Then he raised himself and gravely gave his acquiescence. After the ceremonist had beckoned the people to go inside of St. Peter's the tapestry was withdrawn from the outside window and let down from an inside window. Meanwhile the crowd was swirling through the doorways. Here a curious incident occurred. Evidently Sarto hesitated whether to bless the world from outside or inside St. Peter's for the tapestry was again changed. The crowd rushed out again but as the cloth was once more changed into the church the people rushed again.

The Pope, robed in white, then came to the inside window. He raised his hand, made the sign of the cross and three times blessed all in the name of the Father, the Son and the Spirit. The 12,000 people who by this time had succeeded in entering the church dropped to their knees as with one accord and after a solemn hush replied "Amen." The Pope with the cardinals then returned to the Vatican. Most of the cardinals lunched with the Pope. A unique incident preceded the public announcement of the Pope's election. A man climbed one of the Vatican roofs and made a sign, cutting with two of his fingers like scissors. As Sarto is the Italian word for tailor the crowd caught on and shouted delightedly "Sarto," "Sarto." It is the subject of remark that Sarto greatly resembles Pope Pius IX. except that he is less stout.

In many quarters the belief is entertained that Sarto's reign is likely to see the accomplishment of some agreement between the Vatican and the Quirinal. Some years ago he publicly announced his joy when there were strong probabilities of a union between church and State. The late King Humbert was Sarto's personal friend and King Emmanuel, it is known, is his warm admirer. The people generally believe Sarto's election presages peace between the State and church and for this reason his election is everywhere hailed with enthusiasm.

London Aug. 4.—A dispatch from Rome says that Sarto was elected Pope by 45 votes. His election followed the decision of the Rappolla party this morning to transfer their support to him. Rome, Aug. 4.—Monsignor Merry del Val, recently elected Secretary of the Conclave, has been made a cardinal by Pope Pius X. Venice, Aug. 4.—The news of Cardinal Sarto's elevation to the papal throne became known here about noon. There is great popular excitement and delight. A crowd congregated in St. Mark's square and many people entered the Cathedral of which Sarto has long been Bishop. The city will probably be illuminated to-night.

Would-be Train Wrecker Captured.—St. Louis, Aug. 4.—Ties piled on the track of the St. Louis transit company, two miles west of the city, derailed a Creve Coeur car, throwing it down an embankment. The half a hundred passengers aboard were badly shaken up, but fortunately none was seriously injured. Search was made for the would-be wreckers, and Walter Simmons, a negro, was found hiding near the scene. An attempt was made to lynch the covering negro, but Superintendent Meier got the man away from the infuriated passengers and hastened with him to Delmar, where he was turned over to an officer. Simmons had been put off the car preceding the one derailed and it is supposed that he placed the ties on the track in order to be revenged.

Prisoner Confesses Crime.—Petersburg, Va., Aug. 4.—Please let Judge Holmes, for God's sake, don't hang Doc Bacon for what I said. He knows nothing about the crime. The reason I swore to a lie was because when they arrested me they put a rope around my neck." The above declaration was made yesterday by Anderson Finch. Finch and Bacon, two negroes, are confined in jail here for safe-keeping, having been convicted of attempting to criminally assault Mrs. George Boyd, of Boydton, Va., and sentenced to hang September 2. Bacon was convicted mainly on the evidence of Finch, who testified that Bacon attempted the assault while he watched.

Probable Democratic Nominees.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4.—Letters from all parts of the country to a local newspaper show very conclusively that, as things now stand, the choice of the democrats next year for a presidential candidate will lie between Hon. Arthur Pue Gorman, U. S. Senator from Maryland, and Hon. Alton B. Parker, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of New York. As to the vice-presidential nominee of the democratic party for 1894, Hon. Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago, seems to be the favorite.

Fought Eagle on Precipice.

Easton, Pa., Aug. 4.—On the brink of a precipice in the Blue Mountains Lemuel Smith had a desperate battle with a large bald eagle. Rescuers reached the scene of the battle in time to save the bird. He came from fatigue and loss of blood a few moments after the bird was killed. With a party of friends young Smith was picking berries on the mountain. Having filed his basket he strode to the brink of the precipice and stood for a few moments looking at the panorama spread out before him. Something stirred forty or fifty feet below his feet, and looking down, he saw a large young eagle in the nest. At the same moment he heard a rushing of wings behind him, and in an instant the big eagle drove its beak into the boy's neck. The bird gripped his clothing with its claws and using its wide wings as a catapult, beat him savagely, and at the same time attempted to pull him over the edge of the precipice. The boy fought with all his strength and courage, but was unable to fasten his hands on the eagle's body. He was rushed up with clubs in time to kill the eagle and save Smith from being precipitated into the chasm. Large patches of skin were cut in the neck, and his body is covered with black and blue spots.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

In the trial races off Highlands, N. J., today Shamrock III again defeated Shamrock I.

Bishop Dougherty lately appointed to the See of Novo Casceres in the Philippines had a conference with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay today, over matters bearing on his new field of labor.

The large lumber yard of Wm. Beuchley, at Pottsville, Pa., was demolished, at one o'clock this morning. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary nature. The loss is about \$100,000.

Fire totally destroyed three frame business buildings in the centre of the Verona, N. J., early this morning, causing an estimated loss of about \$10,000. There is no fire department or water supply in the town.

The news which has been received at Shanghai from the province of Kwang Si, where a rebellion has been in progress for more than a year, is of an unsatisfactory character. Some reports stated that the rebellion has been suppressed while others reported that the uprising is spreading.

Russel Sage is celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday in New York today and is the recipient of scores of congratulations from his friends. For some time Mr. Sage has been converting his holdings into cash, and he is accredited with having the largest amount of ready cash of any capitalist in the world. It is estimated that he has \$20,000,000 in cash, and his net worth is estimated between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

Algeria de Beyna Barries, widow of Jos. E. Barries, who was assassinated in 1898 while President of the Guatemala, was discharged by Jefferson Market Police Court, New York, today when arraigned on a charge of intoxication. She was arrested last night, after a row in the street with a cab man.

A three-year-old son of Kenneth Young, of Frederick, Md., playing with matches this morning during his parents' absence from the house, set fire to a bed on which his infant sister was lying and the little child was burned to death. The boy was not hurt by the flames.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York today on board the steamer Segurance from Colon was Oliver E. Sherwood, the cashier of the Southport, Conn., National Bank, who is charged with embezzling the bank funds. He was in charge of Joe Priest, a detective.

James A. Norcross, 71 years of age, and a member of the firm of Norcross Brothers Company, contractors, died in Worcester, Mass., this morning. Brooking over the recent failure of the firm is said to have hastened the end.

A bomb was discovered on the railway tracks of the Eads bridge, at St. Louis, today, by a track-walker. The bomb was said to have been filled with a powerful explosive.

J. W. Fritts, 65 years of age, a pioneer merchant of Booneville, Va., died last night from a dose of laudanum taken with suicidal intent.

Fred H. Brooks, of Wall Street, New York, has \$5,000 to bet on Reliance against Shamrock III at odds of 10 to 7.

The Southern Planter for August has been received from its Richmond publishers. It contains a number of interesting articles of value to farmers, truckers and stock raisers etc.

DETERMINED SUICIDE.—Despite the

valiant attempts of two young men to save her life, Hattie Cohn, aged 24 years, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the East river at the foot of east Eighty-sixth street, New York. On the pier where John Elsenbass, 19, and James Hamilton, 23 years of age, were when they heard the splash and cries that followed the woman's plunge they ran to the end of the pier and jumped overboard. Neither stopped to remove any clothing. Elsenbass had a crippled foot, and both young men wore heavy shoes. They managed to reach the sinking woman and both clutched hold of her clothing. She realized their design and fought like a mad woman. She hit and scratched and even tried to bite her would-be rescuers, once or twice saying, "Leave me alone; I want to die." The men clung to the woman several minutes, until Elsenbass saw it was a matter of letting go of the woman or going down himself. He was greatly hampered by his heavy clothing and his deformed foot, and was, besides, nearly exhausted from his struggle with the woman. Hamilton was in nearly as bad a way, and he, too, had to let go, the determined woman. With difficulty the men made their way back to the pier and the woman's body disappeared. The young woman lived with her father, Ludwig Cohn, (who is the proprietor of a small candy store), her mother and a brother. They could advance no reason why she should take her life.

SERIOUS RAILROAD WRECK.—A dispatch

to the Berlin Volks Zeitung from Breslau reports a serious disaster on the railway between Sucha and Kalvaria, Austrian Silesia. A train consisting of 11 cars heavily loaded with stones broke their couplings and ran at a terrific speed down a sharp grade for 20 miles until they collided with a passenger train. Thirty persons are said to have been killed and 52 others severely injured.

In the face of positive opinions of leading bankers and brokers that the bottom had been reached in Wall street a week ago a slump today on the exchange carried several of the standard issues to new low record prices in the decline of this year. Drops of two points and over were frequent throughout the list and market observers declare that the liquidation of collateral was again in progress. The bears assisted the decline.

Tillman Hissed.

Madison, Ind., Aug. 4.—At the Madison Chautauque yesterday afternoon 2500 people heard Senator Tillman and Harrison discuss the "Negro question." In reply to the Kansas orator's argument favoring an educational standard as a solution of the negro problem Senator Tillman handled his picket-book so that only one in a hundred was hissed. He said that the South did not seek to re-enslave the negro, but that the shotgun would be used to prevent negro domination if necessary. He defended lynching for certain offenses and said that he would hang down and kill the negro assailants of white women in spite of law and meddling of the long nosed yankees. His reference to the valor of Confederates who had whipped the union soldiers, but was inferior to that of the Confederates, aroused the ire of the wearers of the blue.

OLD RECORD BOOK RESTORED.—During the Civil War a book containing court records of Stafford county for the years 1664, 1668, 1680 and 1693 was stolen from the clerk's office of the county seat and was recently discovered to be in the library of the State of New York. State Senator G. M. Wallace, of Stafford, heard of it and attempted to have the book restored, but was informed that the books could be taken out of the library only by exchange. He then asked Governor Montague to write a letter to Governor Odell, of New York, and an exchange was made. The book has been sent to Senator Wallace, and he will deposit it in the clerk's office of Stafford county. The records in this old book are in a splendid state of preservation, and the binding, which is comparatively new, was the best done in Nashville, but since the book was placed in the library there.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most